USER MANUAL

PMAC NC

Operating Instructions

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INTRODUCTION

This manual discusses NCUI32 Version 4.0 operations. This software works with Delta Tau ADV810 controller with UMAC or QMAC. In operation this software is not different from other NC software like NC3.x series for USB and NC2.x for ISA/PCI bus.

The NC4.0 software is not backward compatible so it can not be used as upgrade for older NC software.

The NC4.0 software works with PEWN32 PRO development Package.

Getting Started

This will provide a Step By Step procedure to setup and run PMAC NC32 with UMAC or QMAC.

Assuming ADV810 system with UMAC or QMAC is ordered.

The word **controller** in this document refers to UMAC or QMAC.

Step1 Unpack the ADV810 and the controller.

Unpack the ADV810 and controller. Check for damages. Check for the Microsoft license on the side of ADV810. There are three cables shipped with ADV810...

- 1. Power Cable
- 2. ESTOP Cable with NC contact.
- 3. USB cable for connecting to the controller.

Step2 Power to the ADV810

Please provide the AC power to the ADV810. Refer block diagram no1. Switch on the ADV810. The switch is located on the bottom of the controller. The ADV810 is a Pentium4 computer with WIN2000 operating system. On success it will show regular WINDOWS 2000 start up screen.

Step3 Verification of the software on ADV810

All ADV810 are shipped with preinstalled software. The list of software...

• PMAC NC 32 V4.0

User interface software for NC.

• CNC AutoPilot

Setup software for generating standard PLC. This includes Control Panel, Hand wheel, Spindle etc.

• 810 Control Panel Test

Test program for testing the ADV810 control panel.

• NC Registry

Setup program for NC user interface.

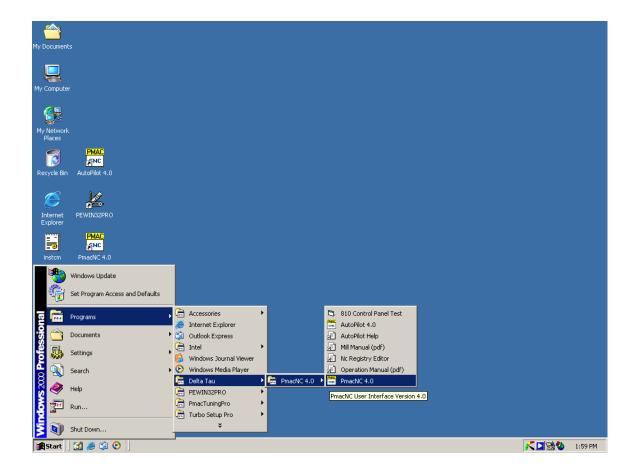
PEWIN32 PRO Executive

Development package software for motion controller. This includes...

- 1. **PMAC Executive** Program for setting up the motion controller communication and development of user PLC and G codes etc.
- 2. **TURBO Setup PRO** for setting up Brushless Motor with commutation OR analog (Brush) motors.

- 3. **PMAC Tuning PRO** for tuning motors.
- 4. **PMAC PLOT PRO** for data gather and analysis.

Please make sure all the software components exist. In case if any of the software does not exist on the ADV810 please load the software it using CD shipped with the ADV810.



Manuals

All the appropriate manuals needed for NC are installed with NCUI software. These are

- 1. NC Operators Manual
- 2. NC programmers manual
- 3. NC Integrator Guidelines Manual

Step4 Testing the ADV810 Control Panel.

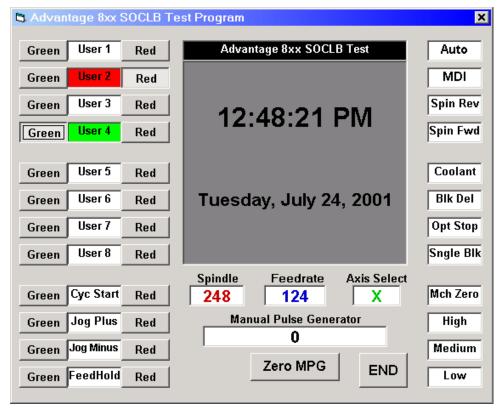
Run the ADV810 control panel Test program **SOCLB 810 Check** to verify operation of the ADV810H/W. Refer to Screen 3.

- The Green and Red represent the LEDs for the user buttons. Click to check the LEDs.
- Press each button on the control panel and observe the change on the screen.
- Move the Hand Wheel and see that it counts.

• Move the Feed Rate Override and Spindle Override. These should read 0 to 255.

This completes the control panel test.

Screen 3. SOCLB 810 Check Program Screen



Step5 Connecting ADV810 to Controller and to the machine

Refer the sample connection diagram to interface ADV810-Controller-Machine. At this point it is an assumption that user will use the sample diagram to connect ADV810 with the controller and the machine.

Step6: Communication set up

Refer to the Diagram 1 and connect USB cable from ADV810 to the controller. Power ON the controller and the ADV810. Make sure to keep **ESTOP** pressed to prevent motor run-a-way.

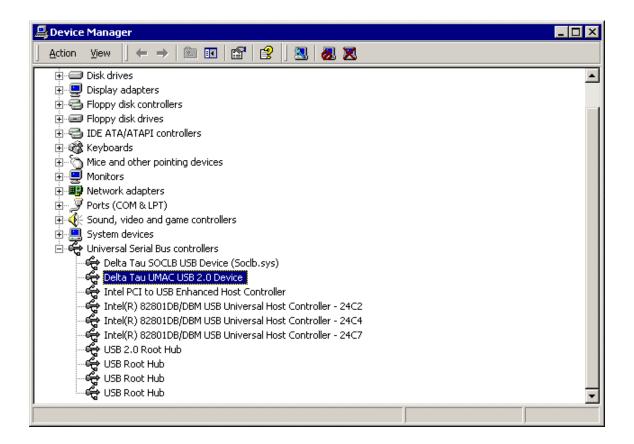
The USB interface is plug and play so USB device with appropriate controller type (UMAC/QMAC) will be displayed in the Device Manager.

Device manager can be selected by Right click the mouse pad to select **Properties.**

Select Hardware.

Select Device Manager.

Please refer the screen.



If the device is present then ADV810 will communicate with the controller. Run the application PEWIN32 PRO. Select **SETUP** menu to setup the controller as **DEVICE 0**.

NOTE: NCUI32 works only with DEVICE 0.

For details on setting up the **DEVICE** refer PEWIN32 PRO manual. On successful setup open the TERMINAL and type command "**TYPE**". This command will return the type of the controller and clock speed etc. This completes communication setup.

Step7: Motor Setup

Refer sample diagram 3 for connecting Delta Tau make Amplifier to the controller.

Note: All other amplifiers please refer the amplifier manual for connection.

Use **TURBO/UMAC Setup PRO** to setup the motors.

Two types of motor setup are possible...

- 1. Analog output (+/-10 V) to the Amplifier.
- 2. Commutation with PWM output to the Amplifier.

Use **PMAC TUNING PRO** to fine-tune the motors.

Set all other motor parameter like Motor Acceleration / Deceleration, Maximum Speeds, Software Limits etc.

Use simple commands (#1 J+, J- etc) to JOG the axis to make sure motor tuning is OK.

This completes motor setup. Backup all the **motor I variable** (Ix00 - Ix99, x = Motor number) using **UPLOAD Variables** from PEWIN32 PRO File menu.

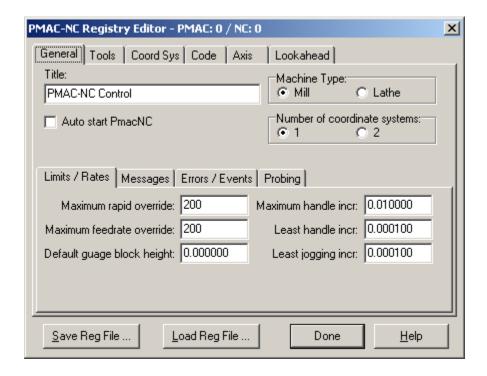
Step8: CNC Setup using CNC AutoPilot.

This program works like a WIZARD program and generates the CNC project template. This program is used to setup Standard PLC's for the ADV810 control panel. The idea is to generate these basic PLC's and modify according to the user needs if needed. This program allows user to set Motor coordinate system definitions, Mode of operation (mm/Inch) and some of the machine parameters. It also generates Control Panel PLC, HOME PLC, Handwheel PLC, OPEN or CLOSE loop Spindle PLC.

For more detail please refer to the CNC AutoPilot section from the manual.

Step9: CNC setup using NC Registry.

This program is used to set File Input / Output path for NCUI32. If the CNC AutoPilot program is used then verify all the settings under **Axis Tab.** Set Probing, Errors/Events and Messages Tab for appropriate file path for NCUI32. Select **Done** to end the program.



On completion of this step ADV810 is ready to RUN basic machine operation like Jogging, Handwheel, simple moves like G0, G1 without actual cutting using NCUI32 software.

Step 10: User PLC

The **Machine Integrator** usually does this step. For a complete CNC machine operation other PLC's are often needed which are machine specific. For example Lube Pump control, Tool Changer, ESTOP function, user G/M/T code etc are usually developed by the integrator of the machine.

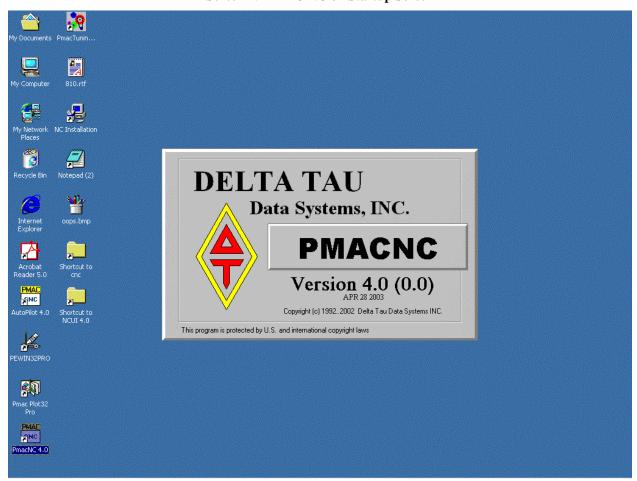
OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR DELTA TAU NC FOR WINDOWS

This section describes the operational interface for Delta Tau NC for windows. It gives a detailed explanation of each screen and the keys associated with it.

Getting Started

On startup the splash screen is displayed. This includes the software version number and its release date. This information is useful in reporting any problem to Delta Tau Data Systems' support team.

Screen 4. PMAC NC-32 Startup Screen



OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADV810 CONTROL PANEL

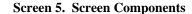
These procedures are helpful when a CNC AutoPilot program is used to create a Delta Tau standard PLC.

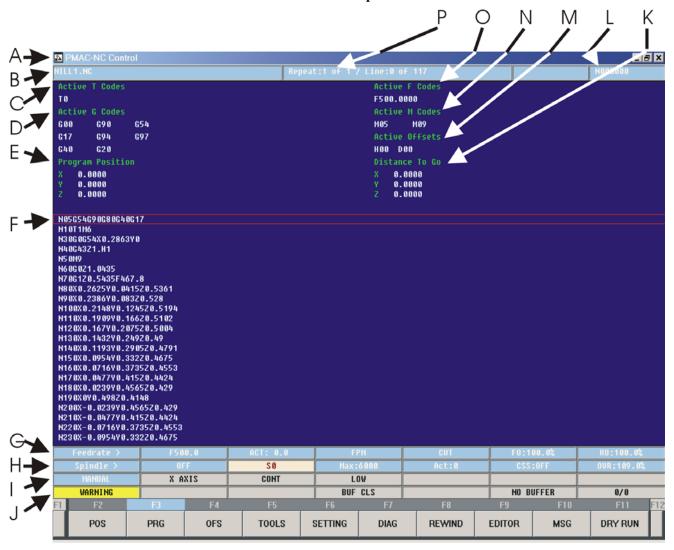
On the ADV810 Control Panel, there are 24 push buttons, two Analog pots for % override, axis selection switch and hand wheel. The NC uses the 16 pushbuttons and the remaining eight pushbuttons can be used. The Emergency switch is available on the panel, but to use it, connect it in the machine electrical logic.

Function	Push Button / Switch	Active In Mode	Comments
Axis Select	AXIS Rotary Switch.	Manual	The axes, which are assigned to the motor, are displayed on NC screen.
Axis Home	Machine Zero	Manual – Home	Select the axis using the axis rotary switch and press the key.
Speed Select	High/0.01 Medium/0.001 Low 0.0001	Manual	Set the speed for Jog +, - operations and set the increment per division in Hand wheel mode. The high, medium and low are the speeds in jog mode and numeric inputs are in hand wheel mode.
Axis Jog	JOG+, JOG-	Manual– cont.	Select axis using the axis rotary switch and press the key.
HandWheel	Handwheel	Manual– Handle	Select axis using the axis rotary switch. Select the increment using speed select, and move the hand wheel. To set the ZERO on hand wheel without moving the axis, press Hold and then set hand wheel to ZERO. This is a useful feature for setting a job.
Manual Mode selection	HOLD and Handwheel ONLY for VERSION 3.x	AUTO or MDI	To switch to manual mode from AUTO or MDI, press HOLD and then move the handwheel. This will not move the axis.
Manual Mode selection	MANUAL Mode ONLY for VERSION 4.x	AUTO or MDI	To switch to manual mode from AUTO or MDI, press MANUAL This button is present for NCUI32 V 4.x.
Auto mode selection	AUTO MODE	Manual or MDI	Select to switch to Auto mode. To switch from MDI mode to AUTO, the program must be in HOLD; otherwise, the command will be ignored.
MDI mode selection	MDI	Manual or AUTO	Select to switch to MDI mode. To switch from AUTO mode to MDI, the program must be in HOLD; otherwise, the command will be ignored.
Program Start	CYCLE START	AUTO or MDI	Start the NC Programs. Cycle Start LED will be ON.
Program Hold	FEED HOLD	AUTO or MDI	Hold the NC Program. Needs Cycle Start to continue.
Single Step	SINGLE STEP	AUTO or MDI	Execution of NC program in single step mode. Press Cycle Start key.
COOLANT		AUTO or MDI	The key handling is in CNTLPANEL.PLC but actual I/O handling should be implemented by the user.
% Feedrate override	FEED-RATE	AUTO or MDI	Controls the feed rate in G1, G2 and G3 moves. Increases or decreases the axis speed proportionally.
% Spindle override	SPINDLE	AUTO or MDI	Increases or decreases the spindle speed proportionally.

General Screen Display Breakdown

This section discusses the screen components. Refer to Screen 5.





- A. Application Name.
- B. Current part program file for execution.
- C. Current tool number. On Startup this is always T0. Updated in AUTO or MDI mode on tool selection.
- D. Active G codes. Updated in AUTO and MDI mode.
- E. Current program position. Updated in all modes.
- F. Current Part program. The red rectangle box marks the line to be executed.

G. Feed rate. This horizontal line has six boxes, as follows:

1	Current feed rate value from Part program. (F code).
2	Actual feed rate. This value may not be the accurate measure, as NC displays the sum of the actual velocities over the axis.
3	Feed rate mode, feed rate per minute.
4	Current program mode. This can be Cut (G1, G2 etc) or RPD (GO).
5	Current feed rate and rapid override values. These values are same, as there is only one
6	Feed rate override control.

H. Spindle. This horizontal line has six boxes, as follows:

1	Current spindle mode (CW or CCW).
2	Current selected spindle speed (S code).
3	Maximum allowed spindle speed.
4	Current actual spindle speed. This value is accurate if the spindle is close loop.
5	Special spindle mode constant surface speed. If the mode is on, it will display ON.
6	Current spindle override value.

- I. Mode. This horizontal line has four boxes, displaying the current mode, Auto, Manual or MDI.
 - The first, second, and third box display the different information in Manual and AUTO / MDI. If the mode is AUTO/MDI then these are Single Block, Block Delete and Optional Stop. When the button is selected for one of these functions, the corresponding box is highlighted. If the mode is Manual, then the first box displays current selected Axis (X, Y, etc.), The second box displays manual sub mode Continuous (CONT) jog, Handle, Home. The third box displays current speed selection for the Manual sub mode CONT and HANDLE. These are High, Medium, Low or 0.01, 0.001 or 0.0001.

 The fourth box displays the current active modal codes in AUTO/MDI, and is empty in Manual mode.

- J. Current Status. This last horizontal line can be Warning, Ready, Inhibit, Message or Alarm. It has five active blocks, as follows:
 - The first and second boxes are active in AUTO or MDI mode. The first box displays the status of the current part program: Run, Hold, or Stop. The second box displays the
 - motor status, In Position (IPOS) only if all the axes are IN POSITION.
 - The third box displays the program buffer status. If it shows BUF OPEN then the CNC is ready to load the part program for execution. The BUF OPEN is shown only in AUTO or MDI mode. In manual mode, this shows BUF CLS (Close).
 - 4 The fourth box displays the type of standard code supported by Delta Tau NC, RS274.
 - 5 The fifth box displays the status of dual port memory, which is an essential component of Delta Tau NC. If it displays DPR BIN, then the memory is active for loading the part program. If it displays NO BUFFER, then the part program cannot be loaded.
- K. Distance to go. Updated in AUTO or MDI mode.
- L. Current execution line number.
- M. Active tool length offset number and tool offset number. Updated in AUTO and MDI mode.
- N. Active M codes. Updated in AUTO and MDI mode.
- O. Current feed rate selection in user unit. Updated in AUTO and MDI mode.
- P. Partial part program execution status, repeat count, and number of lines remaining in the program.

The manual will be referring to M, N, O, and P sections extensively for explaining different NC modes.

Function Keys

There are 12 function keys on the screen, labeled F1 to F12. These function keys are available on every screen. F1 and F12 keys are smaller in appearance, and are assigned as Menu Navigators. F1 is used to select the SUB MENU of the selected function key. F12 selects the operation for the current menu.

F2 through F11 are discussed below:

F2 - Pos

Position Display function. On Pressing F1, Machine, Operator, Commanded, Distance-To-Go, & overall Position Displays are accessed.

Program:

Program Position = Current Machine Positon - Work Offset (G54 - G59) - G92 Offset - Active Tool Offset.

The Program Position display is meaningful only when operating a part program.

Operator:

Operator Position = Current Machine Position - Work Offset

Machine:

The Machine Position is equal to the current axis distance away from the home position.

Commanded:

The <u>Commanded</u> Position is equal to the end position of the current move in program coordinates.

Dist To Go:

The <u>Dist To Go</u> Position is equal to the difference between the Commanded Position and the Program Position.

Follow Error:

The <u>Follow Error</u> Position is equal to the difference between the instantaneous desired position and the actual machine position.

F3 - Prog

Program Display function. This function displays the current selected part program. On restarting the NC, it displays the last selected part program. On pressing F1, **Text**, **Check** and **DNC** functions are available.

Check displays the part program and other NC display parameters such as Distance-to-Go or Active G code, etc.

Text displays only the part program.

On selecting the **DNC** function, NC will accept the the DNC file input on the serial (COM) port. The properties for the communication port can be set with the **Motion/NcRegistry** application program.

On pressing F12, two functions are possible: **Open** and **Search.**

Open is used for loading a new part program file.

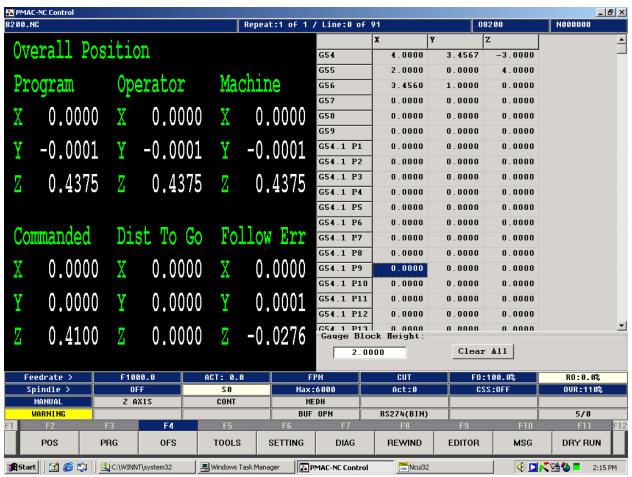
Search is used to search the string in the part program. This can be used to start the program in the middle or recover the program from the same point where it left stopped. All the non-motion codes are executed. This can be treated as the **MID PROGRAM START** function.

F4 -- Offset

F4 allows the machine operator to quickly and easily establish G54 through G59 machine work coordinate (sometimes referred to as fixture offsets) values.

On pressing F12, Set X, Set Y, Set Z and Set All functions are available to set the work offset.

The work offset G54 to G59 can be select by moving Left or Right Arrow or Tab key.



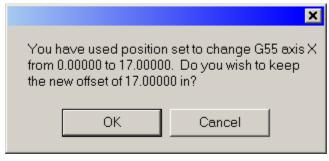
Screen 6. Position Display

How to Set the Work Offset

The offset can be changed only in Manual Mode.

- 1. Move to the appropriate axis position.
- 2. Select the required Work Offset (G54 to G59).
- 3. Press F12 to go to offset setting page.
- 4. Press the appropriate SET button to set the offset. NC software will need confirmation. Press OK to **SET** or **CANCEL** to previous value.

Screen 7. Work Offset Query



The **SET ALL** button will set the work offset for all the axes.

F5 - Tools

The **Tool Offset Screen** allows quick and easy establishment of tool length definitions, gage block height, and cutter compensation values.

Press the **F12** key (function toggle key). **Set Z** appears on the F2 button.

MPMAC-NC Control 8200.NC Repeat:1 of 1 / Line:0 of 91 08200 N000000 Geometry Vear Misc Overall Position 0.000 T1 2.3400 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 Operator | Machine Program T2 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.000 0.0000 T3 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.000 0.0000 0.0000 X X 0.0000 T4 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.000 T5 0 0000 0 0000 0 0000 0 0000 0.000 Y -0.0001-0.0001 -0.0001T6 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.000 T7 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.000 0.4375 TR 0 0000 0.4375 0.4375 0 0000 0 0000 0 0000 0.000 T9 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.000 T10 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.000 T11 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.000 Commanded Dist To Go Follow Err T12 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.000 T13 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.000 X 0.0000 X 0.0000 X 0.0000 T14 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.000 T15 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 0.000 -0.0000 0.0000 0.0001 1 Clear All Geometry Offsets 0.4100 0.0000 Z -0.0276Gauge Block Height 0.0000 Clear ALL Feedrate > F1000.0 ACT: 0.0 F0:100.0% FPM CUT RO:100.0% Spindle > Max:6000 Act:0 CSS:OFF OVR:110% MANUAL Z AXIS CONT MEDH RS274(BIN) 6/0 WARNING BUF OPN F5

Screen 8. Tool Offset

How to Set the Tool Offset

PRG

POS

The offset can be changed only in Manual Mode.

OFS

TOOLS

- 1. Move to the appropriate Z height position.
- 2. Press **F12** to go to Tool offset setting page.
- 3. Press **SET Z** to set the offset. NC software will need confirmation. Press **OK** to **SET** or **CANCEL** to previous value.

SETTING

DIAG

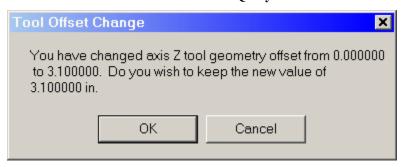
REWIND

EDITOR

DRY RUN

MSG

Screen 9. Z-Axis Query



F6 - Settings

The **Setting Screen with Parts Counter & Parts Total** screen provides machine operating and power-on totals, cycle time and cutting time, and parts counter, parts required total. This screen also provides the current time and date.



Screen 10. Settings

F7 - Diag

The DIAG F7 function displays the Diagnostic page. It shows real time data. This page displays dual port RAM raw data, Command Status overview, Spindle information and Homing information. This is useful information for the Delta Tau support team when calling in with a problem.

Delta Tau has created a user definable diagnostic page for user diagnostics. This page can be displayed by setting Windows registry key entry "UseNewDiagnostics" to '1.'

Registry Editor

Registry Edit View Favorites Help

Name Type Data

Editor

File Manager

My Computer\HKEY CURRENT USER\Software\Delta Tau\NCUI 32

Screen 11. Registry Editor/UseNewDiagnostics

The registry path is displayed with the key. By default this key is set to '0'. It is the User/Integrator's responsibility to set it to 1.

How to Display User Diagnostic Page

- The user diagnostic page can be displayed only if the registry key **UseNewDiagnostics** is set to 1.
- The next step is to select the appropriate **Pages.Dat** file.

Delta Tau NC can be used with any kind of PMAC, PMAC1, PMAC2, TURBO, etc. There is a **Pages.Dat** file associated with every PMAC. These files are available from the NCUI32 installation, and can be found in "C:\Program Files\Delta Tau\NC X.xx ," where X & x is NC installation version number. The following table shows the association of these files with PMAC.

File Name	PMAC Type
Pages_1.Dat	PMAC 1
Pages_2.Dat	PMAC 2
Pages_3.Dat	PMAC UltraLite
Pages_5.Dat	PMAC 1 with TURBO
	Daughter Card.
Pages_6.Dat	PMAC 2 with TURBO
	Daughter Card.
Pages_7.Dat	PMAC UltraLite with
	TURBO Daughter Card.
Pages_8.Dat	UMAC with USB –
	ADV810

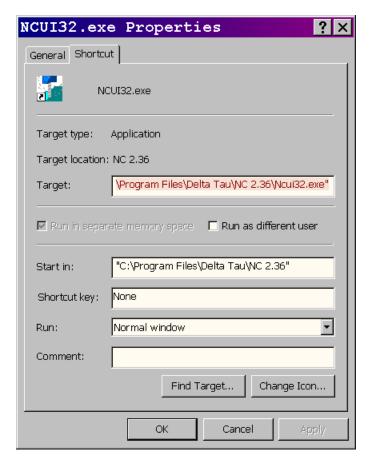
• Once the appropriate file has been selected, then rename it to **Pages.dat**. For example: **ADV 810 controller - the file Pages_8.Dat is renamed as Pages.Dat.** This step is required for the NCUI software less than version 4.0.

This step is not required for NC4.0 software. NC4.0 software will choose the appropriate file depending on the PMAC type.

• Save/Move the **Pages.Dat** file into the folder from which NC "Starts In."

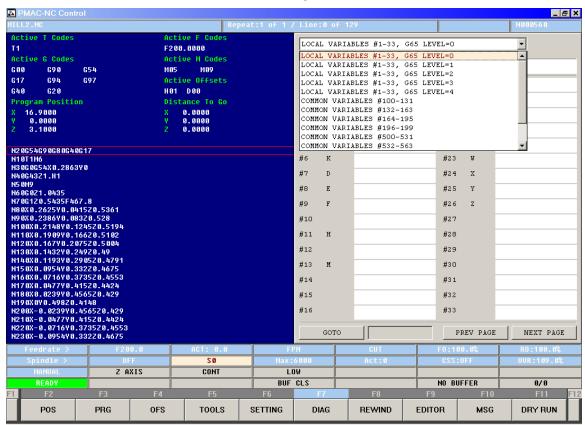
This can be checked easily by looking at properties of the application. By default, the start in folder is the same as the Installation folder.





• Open the **Pages.Dat** file and append/modify it for diagnostic. The file itself is explainable and there are examples to support.

When the DIAG mode is selected, the NCUI displays the Pages.Dat file.



Screen 13. Pages.Dat File

F8 - Rewind

This function is used in **Program Rewind.** The rewind is possible in **MDI** or **AUTO** mode only if **Current Status** shows **STOP** and **IPOS.** In addition, rewind is possible in Manual mode. (Refer to Screen 5, item J.)

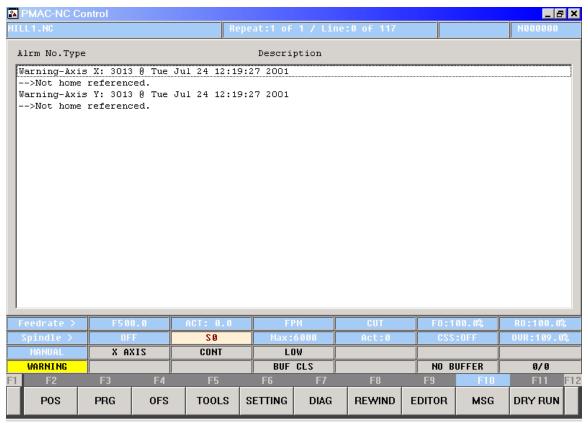
F9 - Editor

This function is used in loading or modifying a current or new part program. Advance features such as Search and Replace are available. Program editing is possible in **Manual** mode only.

F10 - MSG

This function is useful in reading the error messages.

Screen 14. Error Messages

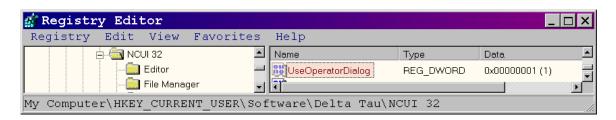


To Clear the messages press F12 and select F2.

F11 – OPER

This function displays the software control panel and is used when the Hardware control panel is not available. All the NC functions are possible. Setting window's registry key — UseOperatorDialog to 1 enables the Software control panel. The registry path is displayed.

Screen 15. Enabling Software Control Panel



When the software panel is enabled, the NC will look like...

PMAC-NC Control _ B X F500.0000 • Continuous C Handle \circ x G54 600 698 M89 Spindle **G17 G94 G97** Active Offset ⊙ z 628 ная рая Feed <u>C</u>CW ♠ Low (X1) 100.0 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000 MedL (X10) OFF Rapid (X100) 100.0 N2 0G54G9 0G8 0G4 0G17 MedH (X1000) Spindle N10T1M6 N30G0G54X0.2863Y0 Or<u>i</u>ent 109 C High (X10000) N40G43Z1.H1 <u>A</u>UTO Single Block Dry <u>R</u>un 9G1Z0.5435F467.8 9X0.2625Y0.0415Z0.5361 MANUAL Optional Stop Machine Lock MDI Block Skip DNC Mode N230X-0.0954Y0.332Z0.467 SO Z AXIS CONT LOW BUF CLS RS274 DPR-BIN 0/0 MSG REWIND OPER

Screen 16. NC Control Screen, Software Panel Enabled

Operational Modes

Delta Tau NC operates in Manual, Auto, MDI or DNC mode.

Manual Mode

This mode is used for setting the part, which includes settings of the work offset and tool offset. The possible axis operations include...

Axis Selection

The axis can be selected using Axis Selector switch.

Axis JOG

Axis JOG (CONT) is used to jog the selected axis. JOG+ and JOG- are possible choices.

Axis HOME

Axis HOME (Machine Reference) is used to reference the selected axis.

Axis HANDLE

Axis Handle is used for fine and controlled jog moves.

Auto Mode

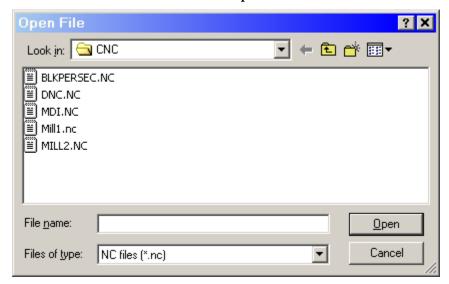
Typically, this mode is used for running the part program. Select/Press AUTO to switch to AUTO mode. The AUTO can be selected from Manual mode if all the axes are stationary, or from MDI mode if the program is not running and the **Current Status** (See Screen 5, item J) displays **HOLD** and **IPOS** (In Position). It is not advisable to change the mode while axes are moving or program is running.

How to LOAD a New Program for Execution

The program can be loaded from Auto mode or Manual mode.

NC always loads the last executed part program.

To load a new part program, press F3 - F12 and F2. This will open the dialog Box for loading the file. Select the required file and close the dialog box by pressing **OPEN**.



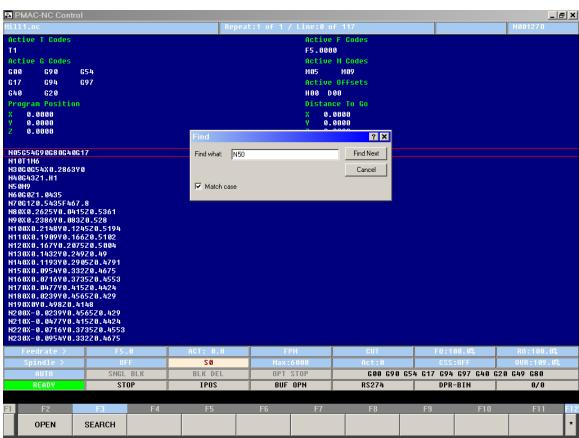
Screen 17. Open File

The **Look In** folder is the folder set by the NC application to **Start In.** (See F7 – Diag for information) It is advisable to END a part program by M2 or M30 code.

Mid Program Start

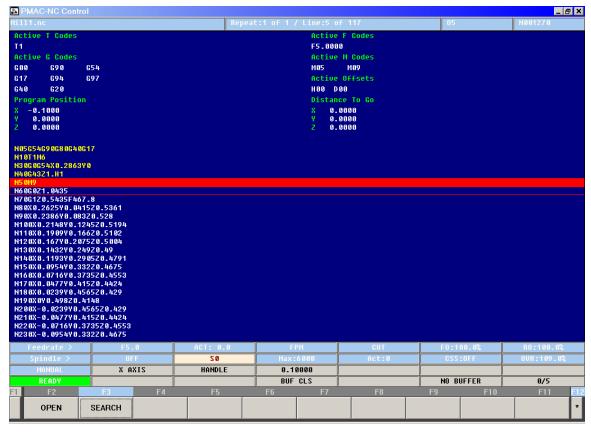
This is allowed only in **AUTO** Mode. To start the program in the middle, press F3 – F12 and F3 (**Search**). The Search Dialog box will appear. Enter the label/string nearest to the required location of program start and Press **Find Next.**

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Screen 18. Find

The search will find the label/string and the execution pointer will point to the required program start location. In the display, it is shown as a blank red square. The solid red band (Screen 19) specifies the last executed line.



Screen 19. Last Executed Line

On Cycle Start all the non-motion codes will be executed.

Program Rewind

Program Rewind rewinds the current program and initializes the program counter to the first line of the program.

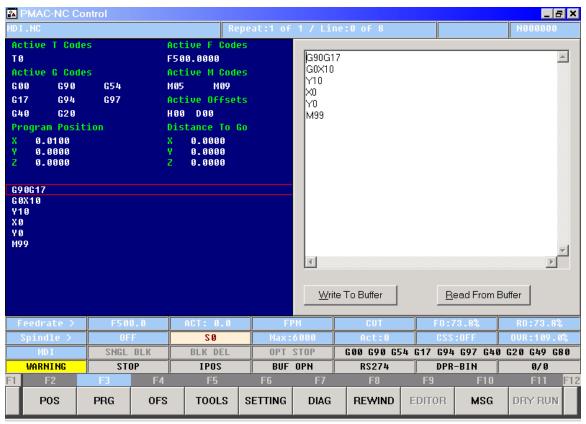
Program Rewind is allowed in **Manual** mode without any condition.

It is allowed in **AUTO** mode if the program is not running and the **Current Status** (Screen 5, item J) displays **STOP** and **IPOS** (In Position).

It is allowed in MDI mode if the program is not running and the Current Status displays STOP/HOLD.

MDI Mode

This is similar to AUTO mode and is used to execute the program. The **MDI** (Manual Data Input) **Editor Screen** provides the ability to manually program and execute G code programs.



Screen 20. Typical MDI Mode

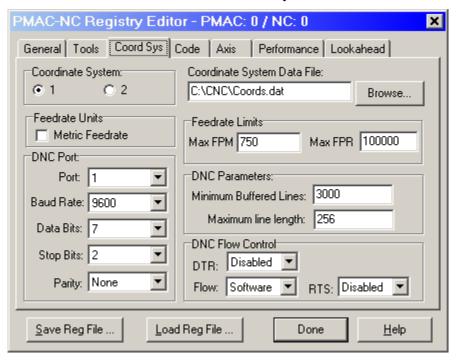
The display shows the typical MDI mode screen. Press **Write to Buffer** to load the program for execution.

DNC Mode

Distributed Numerical Control. This mode is used to transfer NC programs from one host computer to another via serial communications. *This mode is not applicable to NC4.0 version*.

How to Set Up the Communication Properties for DNC

To transfer the files from a different computer, first set up the communication properties for the Delta Tau NC controller and then match the same properties for the other computer.



Screen 21. Coordinate System

Open the NC Registry (NC 3.0 onwards)/Motion Application (V2.36 or older) and select **Coord Sys.** Set the parameter as:

DNC Port Group Box

Port	COM1 or COM2 whichever is available.
Baud Rate	9600
Data Bits	7
Stop Bits	2
Parity	None

DNC Flow Control

DTR	Disable
Flow	Software
RTS	Disable

This finishes the COM port setting for the destination /NC controller.

Use the same settings on the source computer.

How to transfer the file using DNC

Make sure the COM port settings are the same on both sides.

Delta Tau used **Predator** software to test for file transfer.

- Select Manual Mode
- Press F3
- Press F1
- Press F3 (DNC mode)

On selecting DNC mode a dialog box will be displayed. Press Yes to confirm the mode.

- Press F12
- Press F2 (OPEN)

On selecting **OPEN**, the DNC buffer will be open for the communication.

• Prepare for file transfer on the source computer and Transfer the file.

On successful file transfer, the program will be displayed on the screen.

This completes the file transfer; operate the NC.

How to Disconnect from DNC mode

To come out of DNC mode, take the following steps:

- Press F3 (PROG)
- Press F1
- Press F3 (DNC)

On selecting DNC mode a dialog box will be displayed. Press **Yes** to confirm the mode.

- Press F12
- Press F2 (OPEN)

This will exit DNC mode and the regular file open dialog box will appear.

CNC AUTOPILOT

Introduction

CNC AutoPilot was developed to assist in setting up basic NC functionality, allowing the integrator to concentrate more on custom machine software (e.g., tool logic development, ESTOP logic development, etc.)

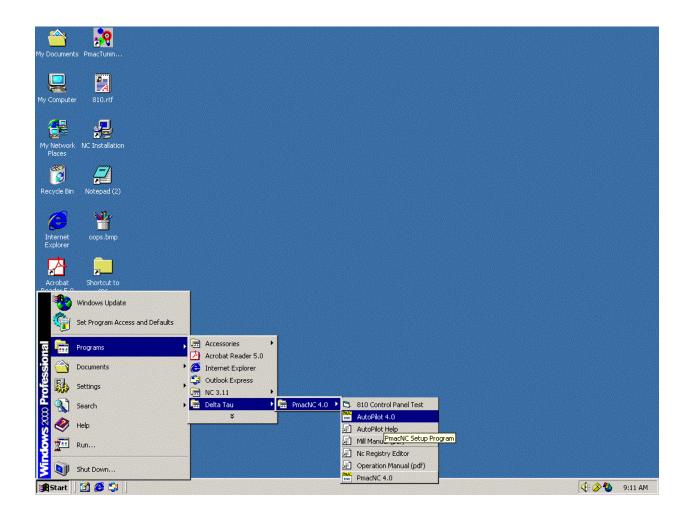
- The program allows configuration of the axis motor relation, PLC, and machining parameter.
- The program is useful for setting the NCUI32 related parameters, but not PMAC setup. (The PMAC Setup program is required.)
- CNC AutoPilot also creates the modular file structure system. This helps in documentation and better control of machine software.
- The program removes the requirement of going through NC Registry (Motion Application).
- The program is user friendly.

Each menu item on the screen is associated with a single line Hint, and details are available by pressing F1. The hint displays on the bottom of the screen.

The CNC AutoPilot program is a part of NCUI32 installation. It is available from the NC folder.

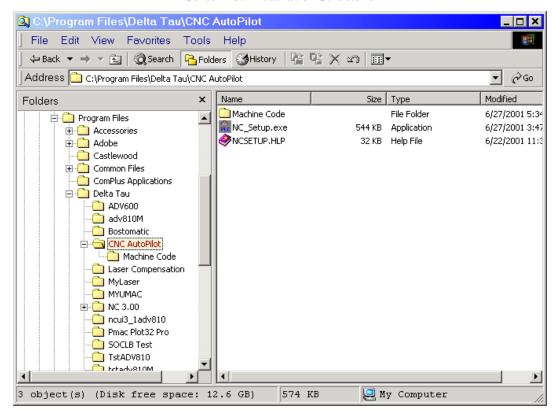
Screen 22. Available Applications

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To verify successful installation of CNC AutoPilot, select it on screen 22 and verify the installation structure shown on Screen 23.



Screen 23. Installation Structure

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How to Use CNC AutoPilot

Select the CNC AutoPilot application from NCUI folder as shown in Screen 3. At the start of the application, the first introduction screen will be displayed, as shown in Screen 24.

Screen 24. AutoPilot Opening Screen



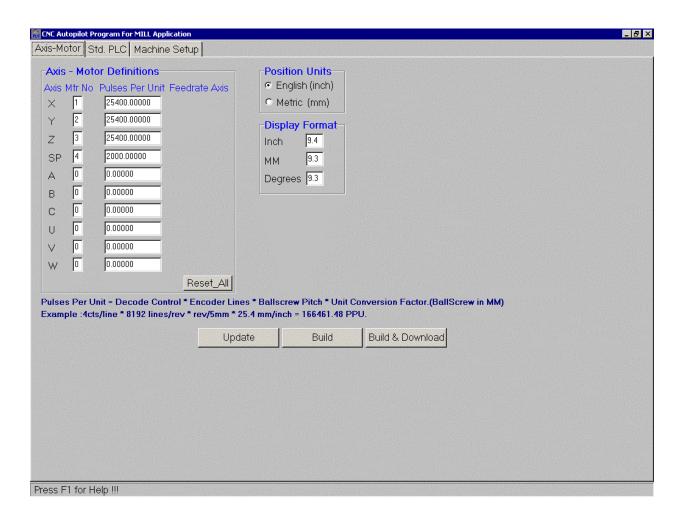
The **Application** title will display the selected machine type. The machine type is automatically selected, based on the NC installation.

If trying to select the other application, CNC AutoPilot will give an error message.

Verify the type of application and Press Start to continue. The Axis Motor tab will be displayed.

Screen 25. Axis - Motor

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With this tab, enter the Axis/Motor relations to be used for the machine.

Axis - Motor Definitions

There are three columns under Axis-Motor Definitions: Axis Name, Mtr. No. and Pulses Per Unit. Axis Name is fixed; Mtr No. and Pulses Per Unit entries are assigned.

• Mtr No. Any motor can be assigned to any axis. For example, motor 2 can be assigned to axis X or 3 to axis Y, etc. The motor number cannot be duplicated. For example, assignment of motor 1 to axis x and y will result in an "Invalid Motor Number" error.

The range for Motor Number is 1 to 8.

• **Pulses Per Unit.** This is encoder counts per unit. If the machine unit is inch, then it is the number of encoder counts per inch. To calculate this value, a simple formula can be used:

Pulses per Unit = Decode Control * Encoder Lines * Ballscrew Pitch * Unit conversion factor.

Decode Control = Turbo PMAC I7mn0 parameter value. Default is 4.

Encoder Lines = The number of lines specified by the Encoder manufacturer used for the feedback.

For example-: For standard 5mm-pitch ballscrew and 8192 lines encoders, the pulses per unit value is:

Pulses Per Unit = 4 cts/Line * 8192 lines/rev * rev/5mm *25.4 mm/inch

= 166461.48 pulses per inch.

Where 4 cts /line is decode control I7mn0 variable of PMAC.

Position Units

The second Group Box is **Position Units.** This allows defining the Position unit of the machine (Inch/mm). This setting is for the complete Machine, not for individual motors.

The first time the program is started, **Position Units** defaults to **English (Inch)**, and **English (Inch)** is checked on the screen. Select **Metric (mm)** and the program will start in **Metric (mm)** thereafter, until switched back to English.

Display Format

The third box is **Display Format.** This allows defining the display format for different Position units. This display format is used by NCUI 32 to display the axis position. The convention of the format is ##.###; i.e. total number of digits is five, with three of them after the decimal point.

Default format is 9.4, which means total width is nine digits, with four digits after the decimal point.

Reset All

This allows setting all definitions to '0' (zero). As 0 indicates that the axis is not connected, this function helps setting a new Axis-Motor definition quickly.

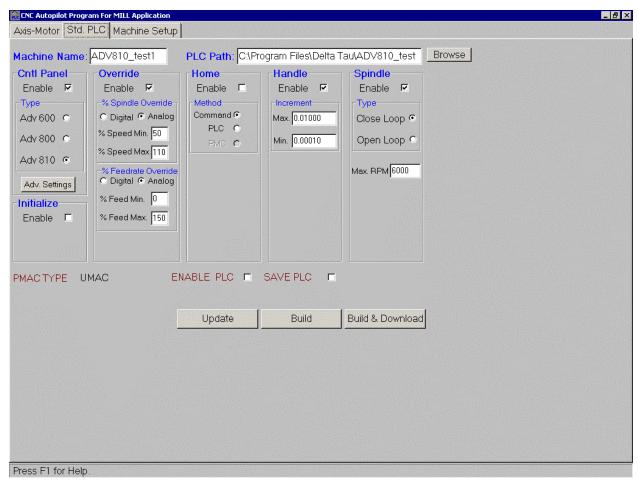
Std PLC TAB

Screen 26 shows the Std PLC tab.

Use the Std. PLC tab to configure, create, and download the PLCs to PMAC, and to start the basic function of the NC. The basic functionality includes:

- Mode selection
- Axis selection
- Jog
- Speed selection
- Handwheel operation
- All function keys from the ADV810 Panel (single step, optional stop, block del, etc.)

Screen 26. Std. PLC Tab



Machine Name

Machine Name allows entering a Machine Name up to 15 characters. This Machine Name is used for generating the .CFG file as well as for creating the directory. The default Machine Name is ADV600, which is one of Delta Tau's available Control Panels.

For example, if the machine is **MyMachine**, then **CNCAutoPilot** will create the directory MyMachine under c:\Program Files\Delta Tau\. All the PLC, Header, etc files are stored in this folder.

PLC Path

The PLC Path allows storing the PLC files. The standard path C:\Program Files\Delta Tau\<Machine Name> is recommended for better organization. If Browse is not used, then the Machine Name will be used as a directory name. If Browse is used, write a name for the directory. As soon as a Machine Name is entered, the PLC Path is updated automatically.

PMAC Type

The program detects the type of the PMAC automatically and displays it here. Default PMAC Type is PMAC TURBO 2.

ENABLE PLC

If Enable PLC is checked, then all the generated PLCs are enabled.

SAVE PLC

If SAVE PLC is checked then the Save command is issued to PMAC after download. This saves all the PLC and I variables in the PMAC memory.

There are five standard PLCs that can be configured, based on the type of control panel hardware. The next section explains more about configuring these PLCs.

Enable

If this Check Box is checked, then the PLC is generated and stored in **PLC Path**. By default, this is checked. This check box is present in every PLC group box.

Cntl Panel

This group box takes the input for creating Control Panel PLC.

To create the Control Panel PLC, enter the type of control panel.

Delta Tau standard NCUI 32 has different types of Control Panels. Currently this software supports ADV600, ADV800 and ADV810. The details of these control panels are available at: www.deltatau.com. The Control Panel PLC output changes according to the selection of control panel. Select the appropriate panel. By default, ADV600 control panel is selected.

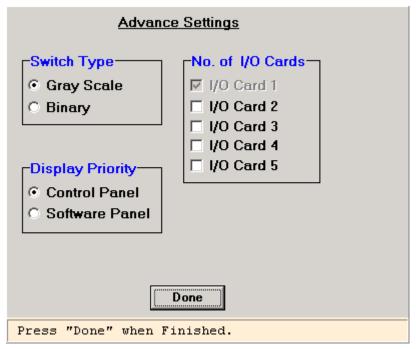
In our case, it will be ADV810. As soon as the ADV810 radio button is selected, the Spindle and Feed rate override will be selected as type ANALOG.

See Appendix A for details.

Adv. Settings

The Adv. Settings function displays the screen shown below. Advance Settings allows setting of some special features of NC.

Screen 27. Advance Settings



Switch Type

This setting is changed only if the control panel uses binary type switches. Presently, all the Delta Tau control panels use gray-scale type switches, so there is no need to change this setting.

Display Priority

Display Priority is a standard setting that does not need to change. Display Priority sets the preference for the NC display. The priority can be set to either Software Panel (F11 Key) or Control Panel. If Software Panel is selected, then the Software Operator panel will be displayed in NC software. This is only for those who do not want a Hardware control panel.

No. of I/O Cards

This box is for adding I/O cards. Default control panel PLC reads and writes one I/O card. When the control panel type is ADV810, then these settings are not available. For ADV810, use I/O M variables defined in IO810.H file. The file can be found at C:\Program Files\Delta Tau Shared\IO810.h. This file is already included in the .CFG file output of AutoPilot.

Override

This group box takes the input for machine override parameters.

% Spindle Override

This group box is used to set Spindle Override percentages. The Speed Min sets the Minimum % Spindle Override, and the Speed Max sets the Maximum % Spindle Override.

The Digital and Analog Radio Buttons set the type of switch used for setting Spindle Override.

Range: Default 50 to 110

Allowed 0 to 200 (Settable)

% Feedrate Override

This Group Box is used to set Feedrate Override percentages. The Feed Min sets the Minimum % Feedrate Override and the Feed Max sets the Maximum % Feedrate Override.

The Digital and Analog Radio Buttons set the type of switch used for setting Spindle Override. To use Analog pots for Spindle Override, then check the Analog button.

Range: Default 0 to 150

Allowed 0 to 200 (Settable)

Home

This group box takes the input for Home PLC.

When Command is selected, the #xHM commands are issued through Control Panel PLC. This radio button resets Enable check box, if selected.

When PLC is selected, the Home commands are issued through HOME PLC. This radio button is set automatically if Enable is checked.

Currently, Home using the motion program feature is disabled.

Handle

This group box takes the input for Handle PLC.

The Max handle increment sets Limit for the Maximum Handwheel increment per one revolution. By default, this increment is 1 inch.

Min sets minimum handwheel increment per division.

Default settings are –

Hand Wheel Revolution	Speed Selection	Position Increment
1	High (Max)	1 Inch
1	Medium	0.1 Inch
1	Low (Min)	0.01 Inch

In this group box, **Max** is by default set to 0.01. A typical Pulse generator has 100 divisions. Thus in **High** setting the motor will move 0.01 *100 = 1 Unit.

The **Min** specifies the increment when **Low** is selected.

Spindle

This group box takes the input for Spindle PLC.

Type: Type allows selection of the spindle type as **Close Loop** or **Open Loop.** The Close Loop spindle requires a feedback; Open Loop does not.

Max RPM: This parameter allows the definition of Maximum Spindle Speed. This input is used by Spindle PLC for setting proper RPM. The program will not accept an RPM command greater than MAX RPM; it will clamp it to **Max RPM.**

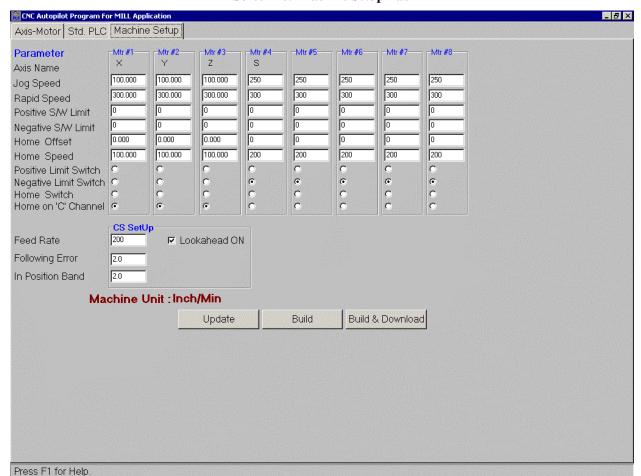
This finishes configuring the PLC input. The next step is to set Machine Parameters.

Machine Setup Tab

This menu allows setting of all the basic machine-related settings for NCUI 32, such as Speed, Following Error, etc. The menu screen is self-explanatory.

The axes are displayed only if they are assigned to the motor.

In Screen 28, only X, Y, Z, and S are displayed. Therefore, only X, Y, Z, and S are assigned to the motor in Axis-Motor tab.



Screen 28. Machine Setup Tab

Jog Speed

This sets the maximum Axis Jog speed in user-selected units. The user-selected unit is displayed as Machine Unit. The speed setting can be different for different motors.

Rapid Speed

This sets the maximum Axis Rapid speed in user-selected units. This setting can be different for different motors. This speed is G0 speed in terms NC.

Positive S/W Limit

This sets the Positive Software Limit in user-selected units. This setting can be different for different motors.

Negative S/W Limit

This sets the Negative Software Limit in user-selected units. This setting can be different for different motors.

Home Offset

This sets the distance in user-selected units to move after machine completes the HOME.

Home Speed

This sets the maximum machine HOME speed in user-selected units. This setting can be different for different motors. Speed can positive or negative.

Positive Limit Switch	This group of radio buttons per axis sets the basic condition for
Negative Limit Switch	homing.
Home Switch	For example, if Positive Limit Switch is selected, then Homing will be done on rising edge of positive limit switch and rising edge of C channel. This is the same for the other two switches.
Home on 'C' Channel	Home on 'C' Channel is used if the Homing is to be done on the rising edge of 'C' channel only. Only one type of condition is selected (Rising Edge).

CS Setup

This group box consists of settings related to the NC coordinate system.

Feed Rate

This sets the maximum Axis Feed Rate in user-selected units. Usually, this is set for a complete machine. This speed is G1, G2, G3 speed, in terms NC.

Following Error

This sets the maximum following error in user-selected units. This setting is for a complete machine and not for individual axes.

In Position Band

This sets the In position band in user-selected units. This setting is for a complete machine and not for individual axes.

LookAhead ON

This check box is true if PMAC type is Turbo. This sets the basic starting parameters for the LookAhead mode for the NC. These settings depend upon PMAC CPU frequency. The following I variables will be set for NC Coordinate system 1:

- I5113 = Move segmentation time.
- I5187 = Acceleration time.
- I5120 = No. of segment.

For details on these parameters, refer to the PMAC Turbo Manual.

Function Buttons

There are three function buttons available on all screens.

Update

This button updates the Windows registry values used by NCUI32. Registry values **must be updated** after the configuration of axes is complete for NCUI 32 to reflect the NC setup configuration. UPDATE will work only if the NCUI32 application is not running. In addition, registry values will not be updated if the key is not active; an error will be displayed.

The essential component of this utility is NCUI32 installed with some machine type, either Mill or Lathe.

Build

This function button generates the PLCs that are marked ENABLE. All the PLCs are stored in selected <**PLC PATH**>.

The next step is to download these PLCs manually, using PMAC EXECUTIVE software. Use the <**Machine Name>**.CFG file for download.

Build & Download

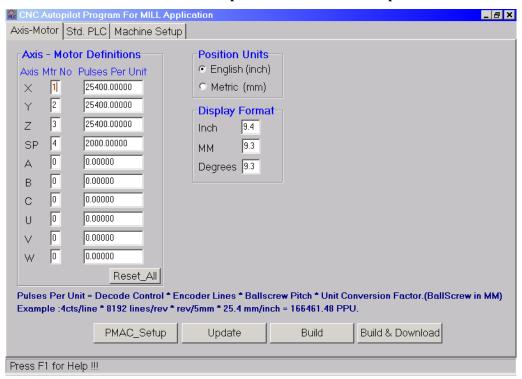
This Function generates the PLCs that are marked ENABLE. All the PLCs are stored in selected <**PLC PATH**>. This downloads the <**Machine Name**> .CFG file to PMAC automatically. If selecting **PLC ENABLE** and **PLC SAVE**, it issues appropriate commands to PMAC.

CNC AutoPilot- Example

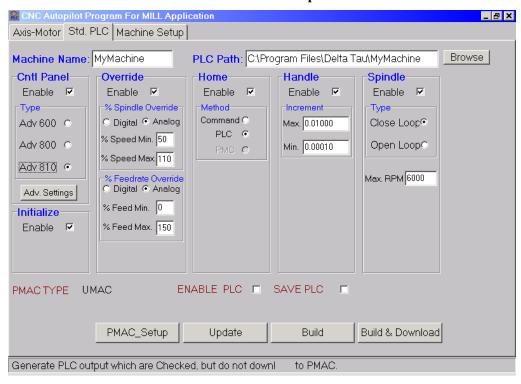
This section will give a description of the CNC AutoPilot Program. Refer to screens 29, 30 and 31, which show the input for generating the PLC for ADV810 and UMAC combination.

On completion of these steps, the **Build** or **Build & Download** button can be selected. If Build & Download is selected, make sure to check the **ENABLE PLC** and **SAVE PLC** box. (If needed)

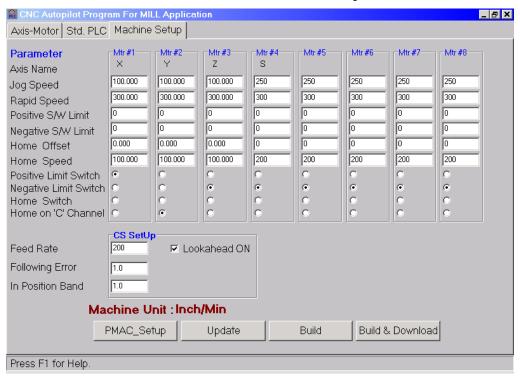
Screen 29. Set up of Axis/Motor Relationship



Screen 30. PLC Input



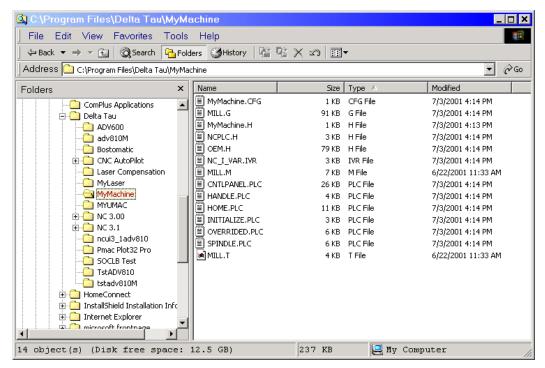
Screen 31. Machine Setup



For this example, assume that **Build** is pressed. This creates the PLC.

Screen 32 shows the files generated by the CNC AutoPilot program.

Screen 32. Files Generated



The MyMachine folder is created by the Auto Pilot program, and all the PLCs are stored into this folder.

- *.PLC ----- PMAC PLC files to be used with ADV810 control panel.
- *.H ----- Header files to be used in download.
- Mill.* ---- Machine GMT code files.
- *.IVR ----- PMAC I variable file.
- *.CFG ----- Configuration file to be used in downloading the PLC manually by using PEWIN32 software.

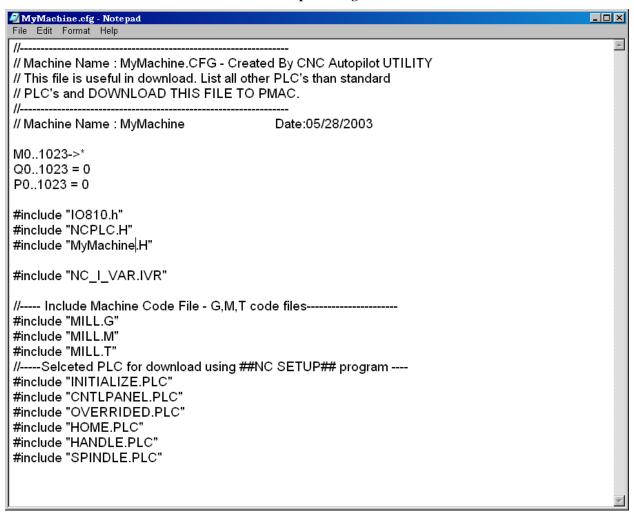
Build & Download uses the MyMachine.CFG file to download to the PMAC.

It uses the ADDRESS.H and ADVCNTLU.H files, which are stored under C:\Program Files\Common Files\Delta Tau Shared folder. Do not alter these files.

MyMachine.CFG

This file is the template file created by AutoPilot to be used in case of manual download. This file can be used in the future for further downloads. The sample file is displayed on screen 33:

Screen 33. Sample Configuration File



File names can be added, deleted in the #include files field for additional PLC (e.g., Lube, Coolant, etc.) and this file can be downloaded manually using PEWIN utility.

AUTOPILOT Files

MyMachine.H

This file is a blank file created by the AutoPilot program. The machine related #defines (Macros) can be written in this file for better document control and maintainability.

NC I VAR.IVR

This file stores all the 'I' variables generated by AutoPilot program using Machine Setup input.

INITIALIZE.PLC

This is a one-time execution PLC. This is used to initialize the NC system variables or I/O. Additional variables can be placed in this file.

CNTLPANEL.PLC

This is the control panel PLC for ADV810.

OVERRIDE.PLC

This is the % override control PLC used for spindle and feed rate.

HOME.PLC

This is the home PLC for all axes.

HANDLE.PLC

This PLC is for Handle.

SPINDLE.PLC

This PLC is for Spindle. It can be open or closed.

OEM.H

This header file is created by the AutoPilot program based on user input and should not be altered. MyMachine.H file is to be used for general use.

NCPLC.H

This file is generated by AutoPilot. It consist of the #defines constant based on the user input. MILL.G, MILL.M, and MILL.T are the G, M, and T code files used in the application.

ADVCNTLU.H

This file is in C:\Program Files\Common Files\Delta Tau Shared folder, and should not be altered. This will be useful in assigning USER buttons from ADV810 control panel.

IO810.H or **IO600.H**

This file is Input Output file. The IO810 header file is for ADV810 and IO600 is for ADV600 type controller. These files can be modified as per user need and are found in C:\Program Files\Delta Tau\PmacNC\Mill.

APPENDIX A

Control Panel PLC — Architecture change between NC4.0 and NC2.36/NC3.11.

CNC Autopilot utility comes with NC4.0 and generates **CONTROL PANEL PLC**.

All settings (e.g., Jog, Speed, Handwheel Increment, etc.) are set through PLC and not from NC software. The Control Panel PLC is independent of NC software and NC software will not override the values. NC software will set the bit in PTRM (Command Register) and PLC will take action based on command register. On completion of the command, PLC will set the DPRAM bit for the status register so that NC can display the values. In the example, C_FEED_M is the command register and S_FEED_M is the status register. This is used even with **SOFTWARE CONTROL PANEL**.

Example code for NC4.0 CONTROL PANEL PLC:

```
//---- Software based speed selection -----
//If the user wants to change the Jog speed THIS IS THE
//SECTION where the speed values can be set.
IF (C FEED M . 0)
  IF (C_FEED_M = SEL_FEED_10000)
     I122 = 100
     I222 = 100
     I322 = 100
     S_FEED_M = C_FEED_M
  ELSE IF (C_FEED_M = SEL_FEED_1000)
     I122 = 75
     1222 = 75
     1322 = 75
     S_FEED_M = C_FEED_M
  ELSE IF (C_FEED_M = SEL_FEED_100)
     I122 = 50
     I222 = 50
     1322 = 50
     S_FEED_M = C_FEED_M
ELSE IF (C_FEED_M = SEL_FEED_10)
     I122 = 25
     1222 = 25
     1322 = 25
     S_FEED_M = C_FEED_M
ELSE IF (C_FEED_M = SEL_FEED_1)
     I122 = 10
     I222 = 10
     1322 = 10
     S_FEED_M = C_FEED_M
ENDIF ENDIF ENDIF ENDIF
C_FEED_M = O
PREV_1_JOG_SPEED = I122
PREV_2_JOG_SPEED = I222
PREV_3_JOG_SPEED = I322
ENDIF
```